GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ENCROACHMENT ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of National Highways in the country and particularly in Karnataka which have been encroached;

(b) the steps the Government have taken to remove the encroachment from the National Highways to make them safe for smooth traffic;

(c) whether the Central Government extends financial assistance to State Government for the rehabilitation of these encroachers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI]

(a) & (b) : There are encroachments on most of the National Highways particularly near urban localities. Removal of encroachments is a continuous process and State Government concerned is taking necessary action for removal of encroachments whenever these are noticed. In Karnataka, encroachments were noticed on all the National Highways and State Government is taking action for removal of these encroachments.

(c) to (e) : As per the Policy, no financial assistance is provided to the State Government for rehabilitation of the encroachers. However, the guidelines of World Bank and Asian Development Bank provide for extending assistance to `vulnerable encroachers` which includes SCs, STs, handicapped and people falling below poverty line.